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The appellant filed an amended Appeal Brief 18 October 2006, in response to a Notification of Non-compliant Appeal Brief by Tracey Young mailed 19 September 2006. Under 37 CFR 41.41(a)(1) and 41.43(b), appellant may file a reply brief as a matter of right within 2 months from the mailing date of the examiner's answer or supplemental examiner's answer. However, the examiner has not yet responded to the appellant's Appeal Brief filed 18 October 2006. Therefore, the filing of the reply brief is not compliant with the rules established in MPEP 1208, and is not entered.

The examiner will consider a Reply Brief filed subsequent to an Examiner's Answer in response to the Appeal Brief of 18 October 2006, as required by 37 CFR 41.41(a)(a) and 41.43(b), and MPEP 1208.

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